

Notice.

be the duty of the judge of the court to cause notice of such resignation or removal and such new appointment to be published two successive weeks in the same newspaper in which the original notice was published, if the publication of such paper is at the time continued, and if not, then in some other newspaper published in the county, or if there be no newspaper published in such county, then in a newspaper published in the state and of general circulation in the county, but the time between the resignation or removal and such publication shall be added to the time within which claims shall be filed as fixed by the published notice to creditors unless such time shall have expired before such resignation or removal.

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CHAPTER 27.

[H. B. 10.]

EXECUTORS' AND ADMINISTRATORS' BONDS.

AN ACT relating to bonds of executors and administrators and amending section 67 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1917, and providing for the issuance of letters testamentary or of administration without bond in certain instances.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 67 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1917 (section 1437 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 9953 of Pierce's Code), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 67. Every person to whom letters testamentary or of administration are directed to issue must, before receiving them, execute a bond to the State of Washington, except as hereinafter provided,

Amends
§ 1437 Rem.
Rev. Stat.;
§ 9953 P. C.

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with such surety, or sureties, as the court may judge sufficient, which bond shall be in a sum to be fixed by the court, and which bond must be conditioned that the executor or administrator shall faithfully execute the duties of the trust according to law, and such bond shall be approved by the court. The court may at any time and for any reason require the executor or administrator to give additional bonds, the same to be conditioned and to be approved as above provided; or, the court may allow a reduction of the bond upon proper showing. When the petition for letters testamentary or of administration is made by or upon the written request of the surviving spouse and the court is satisfied from the petition and the evidence introduced at the hearing thereon that the value of the estate does not exceed the exemptions allowed by law to the surviving spouse, the court in its discretion may order that letters testamentary or of administration be issued without bond; and in all other estates where it appears from the petition for letters testamentary or of administration and from the evidence submitted at the hearing thereon that the value of the estate does not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and that the rights of heirs and creditors will not be jeopardized thereby, the court may order that letters testamentary or of administration be issued without bond.

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